

TITLE 16. Board of Psychology

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Psychology (hereinafter "board") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5711 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon as practicable thereafter, on May 6, 2006. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 or must be received by the board at the hearing. The board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 2930 and 2946 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 2940, 2946 and 2983 of said Code, the board is considering changes to Division 13.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Business and Professions Code section 2946 states that the board, at its discretion, may waive the examinations for applicants who have demonstrated competence in the areas covered by the examinations, including for diplomates of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Current regulations waive the national written Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) for applicants who hold a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), and applicants who are credentialed as a Health Service Provider in Psychology by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NRHSPP). These applicants are deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Code section 2914 and are required to file a complete application and meet all current licensing requirements not addressed above including payment of any fees, and successful completion of the California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE).

This proposal would also waive the EPPP for an applicant who is currently certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and has been licensed based on a doctoral degree in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory for a minimum of five years. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Code section 2914. Such applicants would also be required to take and pass the CPSE, file a complete application and meet all current licensing requirements not addressed above, including payment of any fees.

This proposal would also amend section 1381.5 to reflect the changes made in section 1388.6 subsection (e) which is being re-lettered to (f) as referenced in section 1381.5.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact:

The board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The board has determined that the proposed regulations would affect small businesses.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Board of Psychology at 1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 22, Sacramento, California 95825

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below.

CONTACT PERSON

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at www.psychboard.ca.gov.